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Recommendation for Council Action

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| Austin City Council | | Item ID | 19183 | Agenda Number | 20. |
| Meeting Date: | 10/18/2012 | | Department: | Health and Human Services | |
| Subject | | | | | |
| Authorize negotiation and execution of a 12-month contract with THE SALVATION ARMY in an amount not to exceed \$202,764 under the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP) Bond Program grant for single women's case management and the expansion of single women's shelter beds at the downtown shelter. The contract period is October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013. Related to Items # 19 and 21. | | | | | |
| Amount and Source of Funding | | | | | |
| Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) Special Revenue Fund, Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP) Bond Program. The grant period is October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013. | | | | | |
| Fiscal Note | | | | | |
| There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required. | | | | | |
| Purchasing Language: | | | | | |
| Prior Council Action: | On September 11, 2012, the Council approved the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget. | | | | |
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| Boards and Commission Action: | | | | | |
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| Related Items: | | | | | |

Additional Backup Information

The Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP) was initially authorized by the Texas Legislature in the 81st Legislative Session. It was the first program that authorized state funding for homeless services and homelessness prevention. The appropriation was divided among the eight largest cities in Texas according to population. Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) was assigned as manager. On August 28, 2012, Austin was informed that it would receive an additional \$495,865 in one-time funding from the HHSP Bonds and Housing Trust Fund for the grant period October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013. The General Fund will not be required to contribute to this grant.

HHSP Bond - \$202,764 – Salvation Army – Downtown Shelter and Women and Children's Shelter
 The HHSP Bond is available for construction and rehabilitation, operations of direct services, case management, housing retention, homelessness prevention, rental assistance or other homeless related activity. Bond funds allow up

to 5% of the allocation to be utilized for administration costs related to staff performing management, reporting and accounting of program activities and funds. This is one-time funding.

Case Management: Salvation Army will provide two Case Managers for single homeless women at the Downtown Shelter.

Maintenance, Operation and Furniture: The new dorm will require new beds, mattresses and lockers. This new furniture will be metal and more bed bug resistant. In addition, these funds will be used to buy a number of other beds and mattresses for the rest of the shelter in order to reduce bed bugs. Finally, a small portion of funds will be used for outdoor maintenance at the Women and Children's Shelter.

Rehabilitation: This funding will be used to renovate the downtown shelter in order to expand the downtown shelter to provide an additional 32 beds for single homeless women, increasing the total beds for single women to 91. The single men's dorm will be divided to create a separate dorm for 32 working men. The reduction in single men's beds would be 20 which will be offset by additional beds at the ARCH.

Administration: Administration: 5% of funds (\$10,138) are available for administration of the grant. This funding requires monthly reporting and high level of oversight for HHSD staff.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Performance Measures will be determined as the contract is developed with TDHCA.

Related Departmental Goal: Provision: Social Services – Promote and foster increased self-sufficiency, healthy behaviors, and lifestyle among targeted populations.